

October 2008



Serving the Children of Grand Rapids and the World
Meeting Every Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the Radisson at Ann Street and US 131

Kiwanis Grand Rapids North

Introducing President Travis Engelhard

Hello Kiwanis members.

I am excited to start my leadership position and lead our group this coming year. If any of you have any words of wisdom or ideas, please feel free to let me know. I look forward to learning more about Kiwanis, both as an organization as well as our group's local endeavors.

I am a graduate of Central Michigan University in 2002 and am currently employed with UBCR. We are the exclusive pick-up agent for 70% of the used beverage containers covered under the state bottle deposit law.

I was married to my wife Mindy in August of 2006. We currently live in Jenison. She is a special education teacher at Grant Middle School.

My hobbies include; hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

I am very impressed with our group's cohesion and friendliness at club meetings. I hope to continue our enthusiasm in the future.

Sincerely,
Travis Engelhard

Introducing Vice-President Jennifer Bystry

A Grand Rapids Native, Jennifer grew up by John Ball Park on Grand Rapids Westside. She attended to Union High School and Grand Rapids Community College and recently graduated from the Perry School of Banking held at Central Michigan University. Jennifer has been in banking for 12 years and is the Assistant Vice President of Business Development at Select Bank.

Jennifer is married to Jeff. He is an interior designer at Home Depot and designs kitchens and bathrooms. Together they have two Children:

Heavyn age 9 and in 3rd grade and Arian age 6 in the 1st grade. Both girls are competitive swimmers on the GRCC Gators Swim Team and are involved in Girl Scouts. The family enjoys swimming, walks at the Blanford Nature Center, and going to the mall.

Jennifer is an avid community volunteer! Other organizations include AWE, Grand Rapids Chamber, Pro Connect, Green Team and former Board Member of the Grand Rapids Jaycees. In her spare time she enjoys

Programs You May Have Missed

SEPTEMBER 23: Annual Don DeYoung Golf Classic

Low Gross Score Mike Borowka (guest) 75

Ken Scott (member) 82

Low Callaway Net Jay Tenecyck (guest) 72

Bob Mills (member) 73

Closest to the Pin Don Lacey and Jerry Swett

Longest drive Jeff Klinger (guest)

Longest Putt Terry Fenech

SEPTEMBER 30

Kathy Holbrook, St. Cecilia Music Center, talked about the music programs offered. The center is celebrating it's 125 anniversary this year. The center was established in 1883 by nine women who enjoyed music. Their purpose: "... promoting the appreciation, study and performance of music in order to enrich the human spirit and enhance the quality of life for the residents of West Michigan." They raised money to build the current center building in 1894. Music programs have participants from ages 5 through 93. More information online at: <http://www.scmsonline.org>

OCTOBER 7

Craig Rich talked about the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association and their activities related to preserving Michigan's submerged maritime heritage. Besides finding and exploring shipwrecks in Lake Michigan, they produce video and photo documentation of the wrecks and their pre-wreck existence, and provide outreach to school and community groups. Their first find was a luxury yacht in 1997. A recent find was the freighter Chicara, transporting flour from Milwaukee to St. Joseph. More information available at: <http://michiganshipwrecks.org/>

OCTOBER 14

Bruce Boer presented his 2008 music tribute: *I'm So Miserable When You Are Gone*. (Subtitle: *If my nose was running money, I'd blow it all on you.*)

Jerry Swett described the variety of patches that are on our Kiwanis Banners. These patches celebrate the achievement of goals by the clubs.

Jerry noted that the central banner was inherited from the Downtown Kiwanis Club (founded in 1917). The North club (us) was founded in 1952. Some of the patches were inherited from the West Kiwanis Club (most notably the Terrific Kids program).

Coming Programs

Oct 21

Noon Kiwanis lunch

Mr. Cliff Charles - "Driving to a Better Self" - from Gordon Food Service

Oct 28

Noon Kiwanis lunch

State Rep. Tom Pearce will discuss issues important to Grand Rapids as we approach the general election in November

Nov 4

Remember to Vote

Noon Kiwanis lunch

Nov 11

Noon Kiwanis lunch

1:00 pm Board Meeting

Nov 18

Noon Kiwanis lunch

Nov 25

Noon Kiwanis lunch

August 2009

Michigan Kiwanis Convention in Grand Rapids

Member News

- Dave Westphal and wife are expecting a girl
- Bruce Boer is getting ready to spent 7-months in Florida
- Ken Scott is happy about the Central Michigan Chippawa's football season (and that the Lions finally fired McMillen)
- Mark Thompson is celebrating the arrival of his second grand daughter
- Travis Engelhard and wife are 16 weeks pregnant

KIWANIS GRAND RAPIDS

**Located in Grand Rapids,
Michigan, and dedicated to
Serving the children and
youth of the greater Grand
Rapids Area.**

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KIWANIS—Serving the Children of the World

Purpose: To improve the quality of life for children and families.

Mission: Kiwanis is a global organization of men, women and youth dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of their life.

Objectives:

- To give primacy to human and spiritual rather than to the material values of like.
- To encourage daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

Norm's Quotable Notables

September 30

A man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.
God's Little Instruction Book

October 7

There is not one cell in your body today that was there seven years ago. Yet you can remember being alive seven years ago. How can you account for that?

Dr. Wayne Dyer

October 14 (courtesy of Roger Brook)

If you are getting kicked in the rear, you must be in front.

Marne United Methodist Church Sign

Corollary: I you ain't the lead dog, the view never changes.

Year-End Funding

- Palmer School- \$1000
- St. John's Home- \$1500
- Catherine's Care Center- \$500
- Creston Neighborhood association- \$100

Humor



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